

WHY THE AMENDMENT IS NEEDED

Claims 1-4 and 7-41 were allowed by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability mailed on January 24, 2007.

Applicant's attorney requests the current amendment to claim 14, as allowed in the Notice of Allowability mailed on January 24, 2007, to correct a typographical error within the claim. More particularly Claim 14, as allowed in the Notice of Allowability, should have been dependent from claim 1, not claim 6 as previously presented, because Claim 6 was cancelled and incorporated into Claim 1. The amendment is of the type needed for proper disclosure and protection of the invention and requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office.

WHY THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT PRESENTED EARLIER

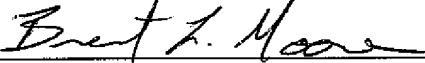
The Amendment was not presented earlier because the typographical error was, unfortunately, only recently noticed during a final review of the file prior to requesting the client to authorize payment of the base issue fee.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Amendment is necessary for proper disclosure and protection of the invention and requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required to effect the filing of this document to Account No. 50-0983.

If the examiner believes that a telephonic conversation would facilitate a resolution of any and/or all of the outstanding issues pending in this application, then such a call is cordially invited at the convenience of the examiner.

Respectfully Submitted,

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